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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Malmros et al.

Serial No.: 09/306,662

Filed: May 5, 1999

For: Method of in situ diagnosis by spectroscopic analysis of biological stain compositions

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Rawlings, S.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2002, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary, charge any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs indicated below to correct typographical errors. A copy of the amended paragraphs to show the changes made is included in Appendix 1.

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 20-25, to read as follows:

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--Toluidine blue O will rapidly and intensely stain metaplastic, pre-cancerous, and cancerous lesions when applied topically and these lesions are readily seen by the deep blue color. Normal healthy tissue is stained very little, if at all. This slight excess stain is easily removed where stained lesions remain (stained) for a period of time. The staining of cancerous and pre-cancerous lesions on application of toluidine blue O occurs within a minute.--